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THE KISSINGER FORMULA FOR THE WEST

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SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ON FRIDAY ADDRESSED THE LONDON INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC STUDIES ON THE UNITED STATES VIEW OF WORLD PROBLEMS. WITH A SUMMARY OF THE KISSINGER ADDRESS, HERE IS _____.

VOICE:

THE OCCASION WAS A LECTURE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ALASTAIR BUCHAN, FOUNDER OF THE INSTITUTE, AND AN OLD AND RESPECTED FRIEND OF DOCTOR KISSINGER'S. THE KISSINGER THESIS WAS A PRESCRIPTION FOR A JOINT FOREIGN POLICY OF THE WORLD'S INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES THAT WOULD INCLUDE A DETENTE WITH THE COMMUNIST WORLD FREE OF ILLUSIONS, AND CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS BY THOSE DEMOCRACIES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF POOR NATIONS. FOR SUCH A POLICY TO SUCCEED, SECRETARY KISSINGER URGED WHAT IS NEEDED IS THE WILL TO MAKE IT SUCCEED AND THE PERSISTENCE AND RESTRAINT THAT WILL REQUIRES. THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES, HE SAID, HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM COMMUNIST COMPETITION. AS HE PUT IT -- "IF THERE IS A MILITARY COMPETITION, WE HAVE THE STRENGTH TO DEFEND OUR INTERESTS. IF THERE IS AN ECONOMIC COMPETITION, WE WON IT LONG AGO. IF THERE IS AN IDEOLOGICAL COMPETITION," HE CONTINUED, "THE POWER OF OUR IDEAS DEPEND ONLY ON OUR WILL TO UPHOLD THEM."

HE CALLED FOR A POLICY OF DETENTE BASED ON REALISM AND REJECTED ANY USE BY MOSCOW OF DETENTE AS A MASK FOR SOVIET EXPANIONISM IN AFRICA OR ELSEWHERE. AS TO EASTERN EUROPE, HE SAID, "WE ARE DETERMINED TO DEAL WITH EASTERN EUROPE ON THE BASIS OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EACH OF

ITS COUNTRIES. WE RECOGNIZE," HE DECLARED, "NO SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AND NO PRETENTIONS OR HEGEMONY."

AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO SAID: "WE WILL RAISE NO EXPECTATIONS THAT WE CANNOT FULFILL. BUT WE WILL NEVER CEASE TO ASSERT OUR TRADITIONAL PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN LIBERTY AND NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION." THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, "IN PARALLEL WITH ITS ALLIES, WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND RELATIONSHIPS WITH EASTERN EUROPE AS FAR AND AS FAST AS IT IS POSSIBLE."

AS TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD, DOCTOR KISSINGER CALLED "SENSELESS" ANY PRETENSE THAT DEVELOPMENT CAN OCCUR BY "QUICK FIXES OR ONE-SHOT SOLUTIONS." AND HE URGED BOTH THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES TO APPROACH DEVELOPMENT IN A SPIRIT OF CONSTRUCTIVE ACCOMMODATION, AND NOT CONFRONTATION. THIS, HE IMPLIED, IS VITAL TO THE INTERESTS OF BOTH. HE SAID: "THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT IS CRUCIAL NOT ONLY FOR THE POORER NATIONS, BUT FOR THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS AS WELL. OUR OWN PROSPERITY," HE SAID, "IS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE RAW MATERIALS, THE MARKETS AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

SECRETARY KISSINGER CONCLUDED HIS LECTURE WITH A CALL TO POSITIVE ACTION BY THE WORLD'S INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES. HE SAID: "WE KNOW WHAT WE MUST DO. WE ALSO KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO. IT ONLY REMAINS TO DO IT."

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